Oswald, Lee H. Post-Russian Period

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TO: Messrs. Ball, Belin, Hubert, Griffin, Stern

FROM: Norman Redlich

There seems to be considerable uncertainty as to the precise lead which caused the Dallas police to go to Oswald's rooming house at 1025 N. Beckley (the correct address is 1026 N. Beckley, the address is listed as 1025 at this point in the Dallas report). Messrs. Hubert and Griffin have expressed interest because of the possible implication of Mrs. Roberts. Mr. Stern and I should be concerned with this because in our investigation into the FBI's prior contact with Oswald we have attempted to discover whether the FBI knew where Oswald was living.

It is interesting to note that on page 165 of the Dallas Police Report (Commission No. 81B) Captain Fritz directed various police officers to proceed to the Paine home and to 1025 North Beckley at precisely the same time, 2:30 p.m. The police report does not indicate how Fritz was aware that Oswald was living there. If the police officers had not yet reached the Paines by 2:30 p.m. then it would appear that the lead to 1026 N. Beckley would have had to come from some other source than the Paines.

The first interrogation of Oswald occurred at 2:20 p.m. (Dallas Police Report, page 165, Commission No. 81B). Present at this interrogation were FBI Agents Bookout and Hosty. One possible source of Oswald's Beckley Street address could have been the FBI Agents. Another possible source might have been Mrs. Roberts who might have seen Oswald's picture on television, but apparently she didn't identify

Oswald until after the police reached her home at which time she saw a picture of Oswald on television and identified Oswald as "O.H.Lee." According to a report appearing in Agent Cunberling's report of November 30 (Comm. No. 5, page 357), Mr. A. C. Johnson, the owner of 1026 N. Beckley, advised the FBI that he had just seen on television a person known to him as "O.H.Lee," but was identified on television as Lee Oswald. Johnson apparently notified the FBI to this effect on November 22 but we do not know the time. I would think it extremely unlikely that Oswald's picture was on television prior to 2:30. If this is so, then the lead which directed the police to the rooming house could not have come from Johnson's call.

I would like to receive any information any of you have concerning this point.